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Re: Application of Toshihiko KAKU
BACKGROUND REPLACING APPARATUS, BACKGROUND REPLACING
PROGRAM, AND BACKGROUND REPLACING METHOD
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q96178

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ forty-one (41) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-52).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the references cited in the specification of the present application.
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment including three (3) Replacement Drawings Sheets.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

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Examination Fee					\$200.00
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Recordation of Assignment					\$40.00
<u>TOTAL FEE</u>					<u>\$4040.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$4000.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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